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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1970.

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Councillor J. A. Bradley, J.P.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Shepshed,

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health of
Your District for the year 1970.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population is 8,300
ten less than last year.

The Birth Rate shows a fall, from 18.5 to 13.9 per thousand
population. The provisional rate for England and Wales is 16.0.

The Death Rate for the year is 10.3 per thousand compared with
11.7 for England and Wales.

The Death Rate of Infants under one year at 17 per thousand live
births compares with the figure of 18 for England and Wales. This figure
actually represents only two deaths, both due to causes operating before
birth.

The chief causes of death in the general community were heart disease,
malignant disease and strokes in that order, mainly in the elderly.

46 cases of Measles and 3 of Infective Hepatitis were notified during
the year. Two cases of Food Poisoning were notified; these were associated
with an outbreak in an adjacent district. The total number of cases on the
Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year was 11, most of these being
of long standing. One new case was notified.

I am grateful to Mr. Fletcher for the preparation of the sections
of the Report dealing with matters falling into his purview. I should
like to express my thanks also to Mr. Fowler and to you, Gentlemen, for
your consideration and support during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. CAUTLEY HOLDERNESS

M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

Council Offices,
Shepshed,
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SECTION A

General Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres).	4,321
Registrar General's Estimate Mid Year 1970 Population	8,300
Population 1936	5,740
Population 1945.	5,508
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1970).	3,062
Rateable Value.	£290,000
Sum representing 1d. rate.	1,200
Comparability factor - Births.	0.95
- Deaths.	1.12

The Urban District of Shepshed has a large area rural in nature on the northern edge of the Charnwood Forest. Over the past there has been a tendency to diversify the industry from the original hosiery work and the new industries include quarrying, concrete pipes, brick and tiles, knitwear, dyeing, boots, shoes, box making and general light engineering.

None of the industries had any adverse effect on health.

There is a public park and play area for children formed in parts of the town, and a large development a tenth of the acreage must be set aside for recreation. The Council who have playing field with two football pitches, and one junior pitch and a cricket square, together with changing facilities and a pavilion. There is a covered swimming pool run by the Community College.

<u>Vital Statistics.</u>	<u>Urban District</u>	<u>Provisional figures England and Wales</u>
Live Births	121	
Live Birth rate (Crude)	14.6	
Live Birth rate (Adjusted)	13.9	16.0
Still Births	0	
Still Birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)	0	13.0



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Vital Statistics (Continued)

	Male	Female	Total
<u>Deaths - All Ages</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>76</u>

Death rate per 1,000 population(crude) 9.2

Death rate per 1,000 population(adjusted) 10.3

Death rate England and Wales (provisional figures) 11.7

Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

Deaths of Infants under one week of age

Legitimate	2	0	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>

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SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

The Infant Welfare Centre is held at St. Winefride's Parish Hall every second and fourth Wednesday afternoon under the County Council.

The Tuberculosis Clinic is held at Loughborough General Hospital and is under the Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Ambulance Service through out Leicestershire is provided by the County Council from eight ambulance stations. The whole fleet is equipped with two-way radio communication and all Ambulance movements are controlled from the ambulance headquarters in Leicester.

The Ambulance Service for the area of Shepshed Urban District is provided from the Loughborough Ambulance Station, where five ambulances and three dual purpose vehicles are based.

A twenty four hour service is provided.

Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira.

NURSING IN THE HOME

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the home is carried out under the County Council.

HEALTH VISITING

The work is very efficiently carried out under the County Council. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Diabetic Clinic at Leicester Royal Infirmary, and visits the patients in their homes on request.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

This work is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

Generally there is co-operation between the Local Authority and services provided by Executive Council, and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

MEALS ON WHEELS

This service supplies fourteen people with meals twice weekly.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Filtered water is supplied by the North West Leicestershire Water Board and is satisfactory in quality and quantity, and is not liable to plumbosolvent action.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in district:

Internal mains water supply -				
No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	3067
Population	..	..	..	8284
Mains water from external standpipes -				
No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	3
Population	..	..	..	6
Well water supply -				
No. of dwelling houses	..	..	..	4
Population	..	..	..	10

The whole of the Urban Area is supplied from mains.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Number of cesspools constructed during the year	..	..	1
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	..	..	1
Total number of cesspools in district on 31st, December, 1970.	..	..	31
Number of private sewage treatment plants constructed during the year.	..	..	-

The final work on the sewage works extension was completed in early 1970 and the works operated in a satisfactory manner throughout the year. Sludge is disposed of by controlled tipping after mixing with domestic and trade refuse.

A scheme has been adopted by the Council for the re-laying of main sewers in the town to cater for the increased population as well as relieving already overloaded sewers.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

(a) Privies	..	..	..	0
(b) Pail Closets	..	..	..	3
(c) Water Closets	..	..	..	3,881

Converted to water carriage system during the year:

(a) Privies	..	..	..	0
(b) Pails	..	..	..	0

A weekly pail closet emptying service is operated by direct labour and the contents taken to a disposal point at the sewage works.

Refuse collection is weekly from all domestic premises within the district. A weekly trade refuse scheme deals with the majority of trade premises, the exceptions being companies with private arrangements in existence prior to the Council's service.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received	..	..	..	134
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with	..	..	..	161

INSECTIONS MADE

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal Keeping.	1
Bakehouses.	14
Dairies.	5
Drainage Works.	134
Dwelling houses (all purposes).	686
Food Premises.	144
Infectious diseases inquiries.	18
Food poisoning inquiries.	7
Refuse collection and disposal.	302
Rodent Control, (excluding rodent operator's visits).	59
Schools.	12
Shops and offices.	121
Slaughterhouses and meat inspections.	147
Smoke observation.	15
Tents, vans, sheds etc.,	8
Verminous and dirty premises.	5
Water supplies.	-
Workshops, outworkers etc.	52
Other inspections.	336
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NOTICES

Preliminary

	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding at 1st January 1970.	1	-
Issued during the year.	2	5
Complied with during year.	3	4
Statutory action necessary.	-	1
Complied with during year.	-	1
Outstanding 31st December, 1970.	-	1

OFFICES, SHOP & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Class of premises	Numbered Registered	Number of Inspections	Accidents Reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Out- Standing 31.12.70
Offices	11	17	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	31	73	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Shops Warehouses.	2	4	-	-	-	-
Catering Estabs. open to the public, canteens.	3	4	-	-	-	-
Fuel Storage depots	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	47	98	-	-	-	-

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Number of site licences issued:

(a) Individual vans	..	..	1
(b) More than two vans	..	..	NIL

VERMINOUS PREMISES

Particulars of action taken:

No. of Council houses infested	..	..	1
No. of dwelling houses infested	..	..	1
No. of houses dis-infected	..	..	1

RAGFLOCK AND FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

No. of premises registered for upholstering, etc.,	1
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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

One part-time operator employed. 105 infestations were dealt with and 240 inspections made. A 10% survey of the sewers was made with no serious infestations discovered.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Number in area:

Publicly owned Paddling Pool	..	..	NIL
Privately owned (Hind Leys High School) Swimming Pool.	..	..	1
Number of inspections	..	..	15

Supplied by mains supply and treated continuously.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

14 visits and observations were dealt with, without the necessity of statutory proceedings.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

No informal or formal action was taken under this Act but a study was made relative to noise levels emitting from the motorway which bisects the district.

SECTION D

HOUSING

During the year 59 new houses were completed, all by private enterprise. 60 houses by private enterprise and 26 by a Housing Association were in the course of erection at the end of the year.

Total number of post war houses completed by :

	
Local Authority	..	..	..	551
Private enterprise	..	..	..	935
Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year	..	..	..	212
Number of applications received during year	1 00	..	..	70
Total number of occupied houses in district	..	..	..	3043
Total number of Council Houses occupied in district	..	..	..	760

Two unfit houses were demolished, nineteen houses were closed displacing nineteen families and fifty-two persons. Two unfit houses were made fit.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

ICE CREAM

Number of Premises registered (Retail only)	..	..	..	..	19
Number of Samples Taken	..	..	..	..	NIL
Results: Grade 1	..	..	..	..	NIL
Grade II	..	..	..	..	NIL

MILK SUPPLY

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and Distribution (Section 8 Milk and Dairies Regulation, 1949).

<u>No. on Register</u>		<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Contraventions</u>	
			<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Dairies	4	5	NIL	NIL
Distributors	0	0	NIL	NIL

BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING

No action taken by this Authority, sampling undertaken by the Leicestershire County Council.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of slaughterhouses in area	..	..	..	1
Number of animals slaughtered therein	..	..	..	1043
Number of animals examined therein	..	..	..	1043
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	..	..	..	1043
Number of knackers yards in area	..	..	..	0

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	168	-	705	170
Number inspected	168	-	705	170
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	23	-	39	12
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.	14.1%	-	5.5%	7.0%

Tuberculosis

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NIL

Number of inspections of meat shops,
meat stores, etc.

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Number of inspections of places where
food (other than meat is kept or
prepared for sale)

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FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of premises inspected	63
Number of inspections made for that purposes	124
Number of informal notices served	50
Number of informal notices complied with	31
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1970	19
Number of formal notices served	-
Number of formal notices complied with	-
Number of formal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1970	-

Informal action has in the main resulted in a marked improvement. A concerted effort in all premises where the Regulations apply has been made and the majority of the contraventions were of a minor nature.

There are no markets within the district but routine inspections have been carried out on delivery vehicles operating within the town.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER

Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1970

51 cases were notified during the year.

Analysis under Age Groups

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Food Poisoning	Acut Polio Non Paralytic	Infective H epatitis
Under 1 year	-	2	-	-	-	-
1-2	-	8	-	-	-	-
2-3	-	1	-	-	-	-
3-4	-	4	-	-	-	-
4-5	-	2	-	-	-	-
5-9	-	29	-	-	-	-
10-14	-	-	-	-	-	1
15-24	-	-	-	2	-	-
25 and Over	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL	-	46	-	2	-	3

TUBERCULOSIS

During the year one new case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was added to the Register. There were eleven cases, nine pulmonary and two non pulmonary on the register at the end of the year.

There is free co-operation between the local authority and the Chest Physician, and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-Ray facilities.

ANNEX TO ANNUAL REPORT

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, & 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	0	0	0	0
Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities.	45	32	0	0
	45	32	0	0

Cases in which defects were found - FOUR

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outworkers (Sections 133 and 134).

<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>No. of Outworkers in August list Required by Sec.110</u>	<u>No. of Cases of defaults in sending lists to the Council</u>	<u>No. of Pros. for failure to supply lists</u>
Wearing Apparel Making etc.,	57	-	-

